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To: Subst. House Bill No. 5708

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"AN ACT CONCERNING THE EXPANSION OF THE CARE 4 KIDS PROGRAM."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 17b-749 of the general statutes is
4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
5 *1, 2008*):

6 (c) The commissioner shall establish eligibility and program
7 standards including, but not limited to: (1) A priority intake and
8 eligibility system with preference given to serving recipients of
9 temporary family assistance who are employed or engaged in
10 employment activities under the department's "Jobs First" program,
11 working families whose temporary family assistance was discontinued
12 not more than five years prior to the date of application for the child

13 care subsidy program, teen parents, low-income working families,
14 adoptive families of children who were adopted from the Department
15 of Children and Families and who are granted a waiver of income
16 standards under subdivision (2) of subsection (b), and working
17 families who are at risk of welfare dependency; (2) health and safety
18 standards for child care providers not required to be licensed; (3) a
19 reimbursement system for child care services which account for
20 differences in the age of the child, number of children in the family, the
21 geographic region and type of care provided by licensed and
22 unlicensed caregivers, the cost and type of services provided by
23 licensed and unlicensed caregivers, successful completion of fifteen
24 hours of annual in-service training or credentialing of child care
25 directors and administrators, and program accreditation; (4)
26 supplemental payment for special needs of the child and extended
27 nontraditional hours; (5) an annual rate review process which assures
28 that reimbursement rates are maintained at levels which permit equal
29 access to a variety of child care settings; (6) a sliding reimbursement
30 scale for participating families; (7) an administrative appeals process;
31 (8) an administrative hearing process to adjudicate cases of alleged
32 fraud and abuse and to impose sanctions and recover overpayments;
33 [and] (9) an extended period of program and payment eligibility when
34 a parent who is receiving a child care subsidy experiences a temporary
35 interruption in employment or other approved activity; and (10) a
36 waiting list for the child care subsidy program that reflects the priority
37 and eligibility system set forth in subdivision (1) of this subsection,
38 which is reviewed periodically, with the inclusion of this information
39 in the annual report required to be issued annually by the Department
40 of Social Services to the Governor and the General Assembly in
41 accordance with subdivision (10) of section 17b-733 of the 2008
42 supplement to the general statutes. Such action will include, but not be
43 limited to, family income, age of child, region of state and length of
44 time on such waiting list."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	17b-749(c)
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